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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby declare, as a named inventor of the invention identified herein, that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verify and believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE: VEHICLE BODY STRUCTURE

which is described and claimed in the specification: a. ___ attached hereto; b. X filed 04/09/04 as U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 10/822,215 and amended on ___; c. ___ identified by the Assignee as reference number ___ and assigned by my attorney ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER ___.

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to this application for patent on the invention described in the above-identified specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. '1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. '119 based on the following foreign applications(s) filed within one year prior to this application and/or under 35 U.S.C. '365 for the following PCT International Application:

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| | <u>2003-105478</u> | <u>Japan</u> | <u>04/09/2003</u> |

The following applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to this application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s) (INSERT "NONE" IF NO CORRESPONDING CASES): NONE

I hereby appoint Marc A. Rossi (Reg. No. 31,923) as my attorney of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to transact all business in the Patent Office, and to insert on this document the Attorney Docket Number assigned to this application or any additional information that may be required to properly identify the application to which this declaration refers. I further direct that all correspondence in connection with this application be sent to my attorney at the address provided below:

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